



Kevin Proulx and Michelle Hutcheon wed in Aruba on Valentine's Day

Betto Christiaans of Aruba had a busy day on Wednesday officiating at a number of wedding ceremonies in Aruba's Stanhuis, the specially restored landmark building on the Wilheminastraat in Oranjestad. This beautiful location is where all married in Aruba must go for their civil ceremony, and Mr. Christiaans takes his duties very seriously, conducting a lovely ceremony.

Choosing to be married on Valentine's Day, Kevin Proulx (pronounced PREW) and Michelle Hutcheon of Boston presented themselves there in the afternoon, attended by her parents, Yolanda and Ken Lague and Kevin's brother Steven with his wife Brenda. Steven and Brenda joined the ceremony as the official witnesses to the marriage, and were required to sign the official wedding document along with the bride and groom and the Aruban Government representative officiating.

Kevin and Michelle revealed that in the year 2000, when they first started dating, they were vacationing with her parents, who own timesharing in Aruba, and witnessed a spiritual ceremony on the beach. The couple declared that if they ever married, that was how they had to it. Official marriages in Aruba require a civil ceremony, and wedding expert Michelle Osborne expedited that process on behalf of the Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino, where the couple are staying. It did take Kevin a few years to get around to "popping the question," but once he did, the couple made their dream come true.

All the family were surprised and delighted with the surroundings, and the sincerity of Mr. Christiaans, as he wished them well and admonished them to "respect and love each other above all others." They finished the day with a spiritual sunset ceremony by the shore at the Marriott Resort, and then Kevin and Michelle enjoyed a romantic private dinner for two in a quiet corner on the beach. Not only was it their first Valentine's Day dinner together as husband and wife, but their first dinner together in their new status as a married couple, combining two milestone occasions in one!

Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Proulx, may we see you back in Aruba for many Valentine's anniversary celebrations!